Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 18 May 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 02:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled theme and windy conditions on the hills for much of the week with various period of rain and showers, a lot of brighter conditions too.

Headline for Wednesday 18 May 2022: Rain and showers clearing north and a brighter afternoon expected, strong winds with storm force winds on the highest tops

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 May 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
50%	30%	20%	10%	10%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 May 2022

Weather: A few showers are likely early on Wednesday morning but these will mostly clear by mid morning. Bright or sunny spells are expected to develop for most ranges and dry for most of the rest of the day. Cloud will increase later in the afternoon as a band of rain to the west of Scotland begins to progress inland and this will affect the hills later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% increasing to 90%, low cloud in the morning will clear during the morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud 5-800m in the morning associated with any showers will lift and clear to leave only patches of lower cloud. Visibility will become moderate or poor for a time in any morning showers but later in the day it is expected to be very good. Through the evening visibility will deteriorate as rain moves over the area later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	42/54 S	36/48 SW	33/46 SW	29/41 S	38/52 S	43/58 S	42/57 S
900	45/54 S	40/51 SW	35/46 SW	25/33 S	34/44 S	46/58 S	40/51 S
600	30/38 S	32/42 SW	28/39 SW	17/25 S	20/29 S	30/42 S	23/34 S
300	17/36 S	20/41 SW	17/36 SW	11/23 S	10/22 S	12/28 S	12/27 S
Glen	6/29 S	10/33 SW	10/31 SW	7/21 S	6/20 S	3/21 S	5/26 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-8	2/-6	4/-3	6/0	5/-2	3/-5	2/-6
900	5/-3	5/-2	7/1	9/5	8/3	7/1	6/0
600	7/2	8/3	10/6	12/9	11/8	10/5	9/5
300	9/6	11/8	14/10	15/13	14/12	12/9	11/9
Glen	8/6	12/9	15/11	17/14	16/14	12/11	11/9
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A windy day with gales on higher munro tops, wind speeds reaching 70 mph or more at times.

Forecast for Thursday 19 May 2022
Weather: Overnight rain will clear north to leave a dry and sunny day for most ranges. More cloud in the afternoon with a few light showers a possibility in the west.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds 20 mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low cloud and visibility: Patches of cloud 7-800m at times for western ranges, very good visibility generally.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 18 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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